



MINUTES OF HIGH HAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT HIGH HAM VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 10th May 2016

Present: David Vigar (Chair), Nancy Green, Amanda Chuter, James Godfrey, John Vigar, and Shane Pledger.
Vicky Young (Clerk)
Approx 25 Parishioners

Meeting opened at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

1) Apologies: Chris Palmer, Bryan Bartlett and Derek Yeomans had sent apologies. Confirmed quorum present.

2) Election of Chairman - John Vigar proposed and Amanda Chuter seconded that David Vigar be elected Chairman for the coming year. This was carried unanimously and David Vigar indicated that he would be willing to stand for the forthcoming year and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

3) Election of Vice Chairman – David Vigar proposed that AC, JV and NG should act as Vice-chairmen on a rotational basis. Seconded by Jim Godfrey and carried unanimously.

4) Declarations of Interest on agenda items: - John Vigar declared an interest on item 12d

5) Public Session. Councillors were introduced for the year. Margaret Porter was given the go ahead to organise a Queen's Birthday tea for Sunday 12th June. JV proposed and Bryan Bartlett seconded a payment of upto £90 be made for expenses.

Those posting flyers around the parish were urged to be kind enough to take them down again after the event. David Fisher was thanked for the repair work and improvements to the notice board at Henley.

6) Representatives, Appointments and Policies.

Planning Committee - CP jointly with JG. Proposed by AC, seconded by NG and carried unanimously.

School representative – CP – Proposed by DV seconded by JG and carried unanimously.

Chris Palmer had indicated his willingness to continue.

Village Hall representative –NG proposed AC should continue. Seconded by JG and carried unanimously

SALC – VY to continue. Proposed by AC and seconded by BB and carried unanimously

Lengthsman Liaison – AC to continue. Proposed by NG and seconded by JG, carried unanimously.

Hext House Trust - Molly Cullen indicated that she would be willing to carry on as the Parish Council's representative- Proposed by JV seconded by DV and carried unanimously.

Speed Watch group –Peter Dent to continue. Proposed by AC, seconded by DV and carried unanimously.

Footpaths – Ian Taylor to continue if he was willing to do so. Proposed by NG, seconded by AC and carried unanimously.

Tree warden – Paul Brunsdon to continue. Proposed by DV and seconded by NG and carried unanimously.

Internal Auditor – Mike Tottle apptd – Proposed by JV seconded by AC and carried unanimously.

Playing Field Committee – NG and BB. Proposed by JV seconded by JG and carried unanimously.

Ratification of other members - all approved

Paul Brunsdon

Pete Brown

Nancy Green

Bryan Bartlett

Natalie & Ian Grant

Charlotte Blotheridge

Lisa Whiting

Millenium Wood –AC and DV were to be the parish council representatives on the committee - proposed by NG, seconded by BB and carried unanimously.

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Amanda Chuter, Dave Vigar, Paul brunsdon, Roger Hall, and Jo Russell, Amy Drewitt.
Bryan Bartlett – was to continue as the highways representative/point of contact.
Finance Committee- DV, AC and NG. Proposed by BB, seconded by JG and carried unanimously.
Emergency Plan - CP to continue. .
Code of Conduct/Standing Orders – continue with current documents – proposed by NG and seconded by JV and carried unanimously.

7) County & District Councillor reports

The County Councillor's report had been forwarded prior to the meeting. Shane Pledger, the district councillor reported that the decision on the application for 58 houses in Somerton had been deferred. There was an area north regeneration plan where it was hoped that there could be opportunities for investment to fund the future shortfall. Fast broadband and duelling the A303 were to be part of the improvements.

8) Approval of previous minutes

Minutes of the meetings of 12th April and 26th April 2016 were approved.

9 Adoption of Accounts for year ending 31 March 2016

- a) JV proposed, DV seconded that 'The Annual Statement of Governance' was approved for the year ending 31 March 2016. Carried unanimously.
- b) AC proposed and JG seconded that the statement of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016 be adopted. Carried unanimously.

10) Matter arising

- a) Highways – BB progressing with the ongoing issues. Wagg Bridge was discussed it was thought that the lengthsman could see if he could unblock it should highways not do it.
- b) Parish Lengthsman – 38 hours worked in April. AC reported on the work he had carried out. The finger post from the green had been collected from Highways and was back in High Ham. Work for May included rodding drains at Bramwell, Playing field fence repairs, oak post on green and ongoing work at the cemetery. Strimmer report- Tony had worked 8 hours this month near Pipers Ash and Cradle Bridge. There was to be a site visit at Cradle Bridge with the County Council Footpath Officer George Montigue. It was hoped that there would be evening walks shortly.
- c) Millenium Wood. Pond clearance work was underway, invasive weeds had been pulled out and burned. Tony Higgins had kindly helped with his digger which had saved several hours work. Tree planting had gone well and Car Park area was being improved. Reported that the wood was looking good. Dogs on leads were allowed on site.

11) Correspondence – No additional correspondence to matters covered under separate agenda items.

12) Planning Applications for Consideration

a)16/01822/OUT – Land adj Hamdown Lodge, Picts Hill – outline application for erection of 2 dwellings and garage

After discussion regarding the application there was a split vote with 2 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention and therefore the comments were to be drafted to the planning officer suggesting that the application be sent to Area North.

b)16/01675/FUL – Wishel Farm, Henley – Erection of an agricultural building to house stock – after discussion there was a unanimous vote of no objection.

c) 16/01632/S73A – Whitehouse Farm, West Henley - application to vary condition 2 of planning approval 14/03021/FUL to allow the substitution of plans; to amend design of west 2 storey extension, roof tiles, incorporate a secondary means of escape and balustrade details. – no objections.



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d) 16/01527/LBC & 16/01526/FUL– Beer Farm – proposed conversion of agricultural building to form 1 dwelling , the demolition of 2 agricultural buildings and the erection of 2 new dwellings and repartation works to the north and west elevation of a grade II listed agricultural building at Beer Farm – Site meeting to be arranged prior to further meeting.

13) Planning Applications Decided

The County Council application for the School Fence had been approved.

The application for Sharbrook had been approved.

14) Summary of meetings attended

Some Councillors had attended an NFU meeting with David Warburton regarding agricultural industry being the prime industry in the country and about various thoughts on how the referendum on the EU might affect the industry.

15) Financial

The following Payments and cheques for approval were authorised

Cheques to authorise

SALC – £ 225 approx – if invoice received prior to meeting

Broker Network (insurance) - £871.83

V Young – Clerk wages and expenses – £221.56

Margaret Porter - £90.00

Other – Parish Lengthsman – paid as agreed by contract - £503.24 for April 16

16) Matters of report

PA system to go on agenda for next meeting

Tree issue that had been reported to the tree warden had now been sorted out.

No further business –meeting closed at 9.45pm.